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REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

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Sir:

Submitted with the present application at the time of filing was a certified copy of Applicant's priority document, German 10064209.8, filed December 22, 2000. Applicant's claim of priority was acknowledged in the Office Action of February 10, 2005, and the Notice of Allowability mailed March 26, 2007, but neither action confirmed receipt of the certified copy.

Moreover, the Notice of Allowability contends that "a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) cannot be based on said application, since the United States application was filed more than twelve months thereafter."

This is incorrect, however. As noted, the German priority document was filed on December 22, 2000. In 2001, December 22 fell on a Saturday; and the President declared Monday, December 24, 2001, a



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24, 2001, and Tuesday, December 25, 2001. See the accompanying Official Gazette notice.

Inasmuch as the present application was filed on Wednesday, December 26, 2001, the first possible business day after Saturday, December 22, Applicant respectfully requests a Supplemental Notice of Allowability, acknowledging his claim of priority and receipt of the certified copy which, as can be seen from the attached PAIR printout, was received in the USPTO on December 26, 2001.

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